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JANUARY PROGRAMS AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY



Jan. 4, 2019 (**RALEIGH, N.C.**) — Welcome 2019 with fun programs and free NEW exhibits at the North Carolina Museum of History!

Interested in African American history? Our <u>18th Annual African American Cultural</u> <u>Celebration</u> takes place on Saturday, Jan. 26! Join us as we celebrate culture, kinship, and community with our annual kickoff festival for Black History Month. While you're here, check out our newest exhibit, <u>Freedom! A Promise Disrupted: North Carolina</u>, <u>1862–1901</u> (opening Friday, Jan. 25) to experience the triumphs and struggles of North Carolina's Reconstruction era.

Did you miss our vintage photography exhibit <u>Look Again: Discovering Historical Photos</u>? Then join us on **Wednesday, Jan. 9, at noon for <u>History à la Carte: Photos and Stories from the Museum Collection</u> and feast your eyes on images from the museum's stash! Eric N. Blevins, a**

25-year museum veteran and photographer, will treat attendees to exclusive images not included in the recent exhibit *Look Again*.

Read on for all our January events. Programs are **FREE** unless otherwise noted. Weekend parking is free.

PROGRAMS

[Editors: Please include registration information when applicable.]

Small Display Open: The *Green Book Mini Case*

Open NOW through Feb. 28

If you have seen *Green Book* the movie, you can now learn about the real *Green Book* in North Carolina. Get up close and personal with an artifact (an annual travel guide that helped African Americans navigate segregation) that inspired a blockbuster film.

History à la Carte: Photos and Stories from the Museum Collection

Wednesday, Jan. 9, noon-1 p.m.

Register at NCMOH-programs.com to reserve a seat. Bring your own lunch; some beverages provided. For information, call 919-814-7032.

Eric N. Blevins, Photographer, North Carolina Museum of History See color and black-and-white images from the middle to late 1800s through the 1970s that did not make the cut for the museum's recent exhibit *Look Again*.

Music of the Carolinas: Freddy Greene

Sunday, Jan. 13, 3 p.m.

Free tickets for this concert are distributed while they last beginning at 2 p.m.

North Carolina native <u>Freddy Greene</u> lived in Washington, DC, for a time, playing at some of the hottest nightspots, as well as the Duke Ellington School of the Arts and Kennedy Center. He has toured with gospel artist Shirley Caesar and singer Percy Sledge and has performed with soul singer-songwriters Eddie Floyd and William Bell. Greene now works with at-risk students and teaches while continuing to polish his skills on the soprano saxophone, flute, and bass guitar. Presented with PineCone and support from North State Bank and MOHA/museum members.

Join MOHA before or after the concert—for half-price museum membership! In addition, enter our raffle for a prize from the Museum Shop (winner will be drawn after the March concert and need not be present).

Time for Tots: Skates, Skis, and Sleds*

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 10-10:45 a.m.

Ages 3–5 (with adult)

\$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members

To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-814-7039.

What winter activities were popular in the past? Find out, and make a tiny sled or skis, from popsicle sticks, to take home.

History Corner: Painting Mud*

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 10–11 a.m.

Ages 6–9 (may be accompanied by an adult)

\$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members

To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-814-7046.

Artist Ernie Barnes began his fascination with art as a child by painting with mud after rainstorms. See some of his work, then create your own mud painting.

History Hunters: Catching Memories*

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Ages 10-13

\$5 per child; free for MOHA/museum members

To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-814-7046.

As an artist, former football player Ernie Barnes caught memories, as well as athletes, in his paintings. See his work, and learn ways to collect your own history.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service*

Monday, Jan. 21

The museum is open! Drop in when you can and tour all our exhibits—including *The North Carolina Roots of Artist Ernie Barnes*—and the new lobby-case installation of *Collecting Carolina*, which has a few objects that illustrate an African American struggle and a victory. Images and assistance for the exhibit on Ernie Barnes provided by the Ernie Barnes Family Trust.

A Celebration of Movement Inspired by Artist Ernie Barnes: SOLD OUT!

Friday, Jan. 25, 7–9 p.m.

\$20 per person; \$10 for MOHA/museum members

Invited dance companies and spoken word artists will perform original works inspired by the artist's life and contributions.

18th Annual African American Cultural Celebration*

Saturday, Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Celebrate culture, kinship, and community with our annual kickoff festival for Black History Month. This year's theme— "The Ties That Bind"—observes the many connections and expressions of our histories and cultures with more than 75 musicians, storytellers, dancers, chefs, historians, playwrights, authors, artists, reenactors, and more: including poet J. Ivy and others paying tribute to artist Ernie Barnes and his legacy. A Top 20 Event for the past four years, according to the Southeast Tourism Society!

Sponsored, in part, by the City of Raleigh, based on recommendation of the Raleigh Arts Commission; the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County; the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission; the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; MOHA, the Museum of History Associates; and the North Carolina Writers' Network.

Exhibit Opening: Freedom! A Promise Disrupted: North Carolina, 1862–1901 Open Jan. 25, 2019, through Jul. 7, 2019

Start our annual kickoff to Black History Month a day early with this exhibit on the triumphs and struggles of North Carolina's Reconstruction era, a time when formerly enslaved men, women, and children—as well as many nonwhite citizens—set out to claim the rights and possibilities of new post–Civil War freedoms.

Images available here courtesy of the North Carolina Museum of History.

Captions:

- 1. Freedom! A Promise Disrupted: North Carolina, 1862–1901 graphic
- 2. The Negro Travelers' Green Book: Guide for Travel and Vacations, 1959
- 3. Carter Braxton Harrison House, 18 Seaboard Avenue, Raleigh (demolished in 1962)
- 4. 18th Annual African American Cultural Celebration graphic

For more information about January programs, call 919-814-7000 or go to NCMOH-programs.com.

<u>For information about the NC Museum of History</u>, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-814-7000 or access <u>ncmuseumofhistory.org</u> or follow on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Google+</u> or <u>YouTube</u>.

About the NC Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate

The NC Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

^{*} marks programs of interest to children or families

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the NC Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the NC Arts Council, State Preservation Office, and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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